

7. 'Come to us, INDEA, VISHNU, I&ARUTS,
and
ADITYAS, from the midst of thefe your
brethren.²

8. Bounteous (deities), we forthwith
proclaim
aloud that brotherhood of yours in your
mother's
womb, (first) in common union, then as
born in
diverse manner.³

9. Bounteous (deities) with IKDEA as your
chief,
be present here in your radiance; again and
again
I praise you.

Ste^ IY. (LXXXIY.)

The deity is AGNI ; the *Rishi* is Tjsi^AS the son of Km;
the
metre is *Gayatri*.

10. I praise AGNI your most beloved guest,
dearvargaV.

as a friend, who brings wealth as a chariot;⁴

11. ⁵Whom the gods have set like a wise
seer in
a twofold function among mortals.⁶

¹ Yajur Yeda, 33, 47. * Sc. *Mitra*, etc.

³ This alludes to a legend partly given in Taitt. Sanhita, vi.
5. 6. There Aditi is represented as offering a certain offering to the gods; and as conceiving four of the adityas on eating the remainder which they gave to her. Thinking to conceive a still nohler offspring, she next eats the whole of the second offering herself, but-she only conceives a barren egg. She then offers the third offering to the Adityas and conceives Yivaswat. But this legend says nothing of the birth of Pushaa and Aryaman as alluded to in the Scholiast.

* Sama Yeda, I. 1. 1. 5. II. 5. 1. 18. 1.

⁶ Sama Yeda, II. 5. 1. 18. 2, reading *prasamsyaM*, and *Hi* for *jsrachetasam* and *adha*.

⁶ Agni's two functions are the Garhapatya and

A'havam'ya

fires, or it may refer to his offices connected with
the sacrifice in
heaven and earth.

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